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Attorney Docket No.	740107-139
First Named Inventor	M. Azuma
Original Patent Number	6,142,138
Original Patent Issue Date (Month/Day/Year)	November 7, 2000
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APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF: Utility Patent Design Patent Plant Patent

APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification and Claims in double column copy of patent format (amended, if appropriate)
4. Drawing(s) (proposed amendments, if appropriate)
5. Reissue Oath/Declaration (original or copy)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.175) (PTO/SB/51 or 52)
6. Power of Attorney
7. Original U.S. Patent currently assigned? Yes No
(If Yes, check applicable box(es))
 - Written Consent of all Assignees (PTO/SB/53)
 - 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement
(PTO/SB/96) (unsigned)
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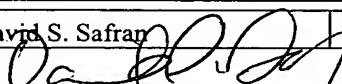
ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

10. Statement of status and support for all changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173(c).
11. Original U.S. Patent for surrender
 - Ribboned Original Patent Grant
 - Statement of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
12. Foreign Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119) (If applicable)
13. Information Disclosure Copies of Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
14. English Translation of Reissue Oath/Declaration (If applicable)
15. Preliminary Amendment
16. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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17. Other: STATEMENT OF MANI FISCHER

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(C) 2	Independent claims (37 CFR 1.19(i))	(D) 4	* 2 =	X \$ ____ =		X \$ 84.00 =	\$168.00	
Basic Fee (37 CFR 1.16(h)) \$740.00								
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In re REISSUE Patent Application of)
Masayuki AZUMA et al.)
Patent No. 6,142,138)
Issued: November 7, 2000)
For: ALIGNMENT METHOD AND)
APPARATUS)

REQUEST FOR RECORDATION OF ASSIGNMENTS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please find attached two (2) requests for recordation of assignment. Please record first the assignment of U.S. Patent No. 6,142,138 from Tokyo Seimitsu Co., Ltd. to Masayuki AZUMA and Hirofumi SHIMODA executed August 17, 2001. Thereafter, please record the assignment of U.S. Patent No. 6,142,138 from Masayuki AZUMA, Hirofumi SHIMODA, and Mani FISCHER to Tokyo Seimitsu Co., Ltd. and Kulicke & Soffa Investments, Inc. executed August 20, 2001 and August 27, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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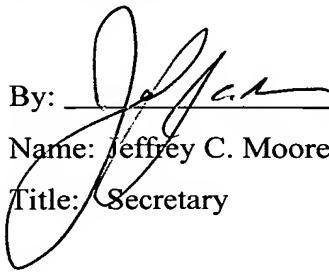
CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

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Sir:

As owner of an undivided one-half interest in the above-captioned patent, Kulicke & Soffa Investments, Inc. hereby consents to the reissuance of said patent and to the addition of Mani Fischer, of 7 Taberski Street, Haifa 34762, Israel, as an inventor of said patent.

Kulicke & Soffa Investments, Inc.

By: 

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Title: Secretary

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE

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Sir:

As owner of an undivided one-half interest in the above-captioned patent, Tokyo Seimitsu Co., Ltd. hereby consents to the reissuance of said patent and to the addition of Mani Fischer, of 7 Taberski Street, Haifa 34762, Israel, as an inventor of said patent.

Tokyo Seimitsu Co., Ltd.

By: Hideo Ohtsubo

Name: Hideo Ohtsubo

Title: President

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STATEMENT OF MANI FISHER

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Sir:

I, Mani Fischer, of 7 Taberski Street, Haifa 34762, Israel declare that my name was omitted as an inventor of the above-captioned patent through error without any deceptive intention on my part.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



Mani Fischer

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In re REISSUE Patent Application of)
Masayuki AZUMA et al.) Group Art Unit: 3723
Patent No. 6,142,138)
Issued: November 7, 2000) Examiner: T. Eley
For: ALIGNMENT METHOD AND)
APPARATUS)
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Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c), the following statement is provided as to the status of all patent claims and all added claims, and an explanation as to the support in the disclosure for the concurrently made changes to the claims.

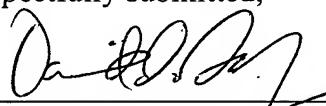
All of the patent claims are maintained and new claims 5 & 6 have been added.

Support for new claim 5 can be found in the patent disclosure as follows. Claim 5 is directed to an alignment apparatus (1) for aligning cutting lines of a workpiece which has a workpiece mounting means (cutting table 12) has an X, Y driving mechanism (72) and a rotational driving mechanism (74). Two imaging means (18, 19) are provide at the cutting blade units (see Fig. 3) and produce images of patterns on the workpiece. A storage means is provided which stores reference patterns at low magnification (low magnification memory 82) and at high magnification (high magnification memory 84). Pattern matching is performed by a comparator (90) which compares current images of patterns (from frame memory 86) with the stored reference patterns of low and high magnification and outputs a pattern matching signal which is used by a control means (controller 92) for driving the workpiece mounting means (see Fig. 4 and the description thereof in column 4).

Support for new claim 6 can be found in the patent disclosure as follows. Claim 6 is directed to dicing machine that has cutting units (14, 16) with a pair of cutting blades (68, 70) and motors (60, 62) for rotating the cutting blades and an alignment apparatus (1) for aligning

cutting lines of a workpiece. Furthermore, a workpiece mounting means (cutting table 12) has an X,Y driving mechanism (72) and a rotational driving mechanism (74). Two imaging means (18, 19) are provide at the cutting blade units (see Fig. 3) and produce images of patterns on the workpiece. A storage means is provided which stores reference patterns at low magnification (low magnification memory 82) and at high magnification (high magnification memory 84). Pattern matching is performed by a comparator (90) which compares current images of patterns (from frame memory 86) with the stored reference patterns of low and high magnification and outputs a pattern matching signal which is used by a control means (controller 92) for driving the workpiece mounting means (see Fig. 4 and the description thereof in column 4).

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Masayuki AZUMA, Hir fumi SHIMODA, Mani FISCHER

Application No./Patent No.: U.S. Patent 6,142,138 Filed/Issue Date: November 7, 2000

Entitled: HIGH SPEED METHOD OF ALIGNING CUTTING LINES OF A WORKPIECE USING PATTERNS

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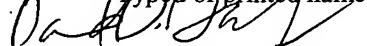
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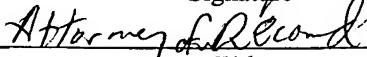
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